

BAR HILL NEWS

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Striving for a Safer, Greener, and More Active School Community

At Bar Hill Primary School, we are dedicated to creating a safer, more active, and eco-friendly environment for our students. One of our key priorities is improving the area around the school car park, which often becomes congested during peak drop-off and pick-up times. This is a critical moment for our young pedestrians as they navigate the space.

Last year, our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) raised funds for a road safety pavement sign, and this year, they continue to lead by hosting assemblies and competitions that promote safe and active travel. Their efforts are supported by the "Bikeability" schemes we offer across multiple year groups.

We were also proud to receive an outstanding travel plan from STARS. Working closely with our Road Safety Officer, we are committed to ensuring a safer environment for all, including the installation of student-designed signage to enhance road safety around our school gates.



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Rhymetime

Every Tuesday

2.30pm—3pm

**Every Monday, 10- 12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!**

7 April	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing 10:15 -10:45 Library at Home Area Volunteer Coordinator
14 April		Carers Café with speaker from Wiltshire Farm Foods 10.00 - 11.30
21 April		EASTER MONDAY - NO HUB
28 April		Evergreens, Meet a Parish Councillor

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons, there is no village Citizens Advice service. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with the Cambridge office, please use the following contact details

Email: <https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/>

Phone: 0808 278 7808

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month. Please see separate entry in Bar Hill News for more information.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am).

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

Come along on 7 April to meet the Library at Home Area Volunteer Coordinator and find out more about the Library at Home Service and the Health and Wellbeing offer

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- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or
- Call/ message/ WhatsApp **07814 871752**.

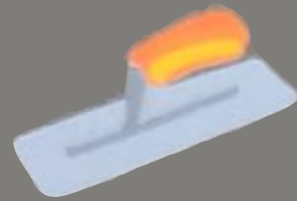
We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

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Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along!

Coming up in April: 4th Games and a Quiz, 11th Bingo and a Quiz, 18th Good Friday - Easter Theme, and 25th St. George's Day

Anne Plumb | **01954 780364** |
anne@rwp10.plus.com

Huntingdon Concert Band

17th May 2025 at 7.30 pm
in Bar Hill Church

We are pleased to announce that our favourite band will be performing again this year at Bar Hill Church. The concert will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be available soon at £11 for adults and £7 for children.

Tickets can be obtained from:

- Sue & Trevor Kenchington **01954 780260**
kenchington@supanet.com
- Maggie & Malcolm Cox **01954 488657**
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- Or Bar Hill Church **01954 206120**
office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Light refreshments will be available to purchase during the interval. All proceeds to Bar Hill Church.

Walking Football, Tuesday mornings

Cambridge United Foundation have been delivering a weekly walking football session every Tuesday morning at Bar Hill community football pitch. The session promotes both physical and mental well-being for adults in a friendly and social setting.

The activity is a great equaliser for all players of different ages and physical fitness levels and the emphasis is always on fun, enjoyment and socialisation. The session recently received Cambridge United Foundations 'Community Club of the Year' award for their commitment to community togetherness and positive attitudes towards other participants.

If you would like to try out the spirit of walking football, please come along and join us or find out more by contacting Cambridge United Foundation on **01223 32129**
foundation@cambridgeunited.com.



Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

So why not come along and give it a try?

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or barbara.page@live.co.uk

Dear Readers,

A quick update in relation to the County Council and Mayoral Elections which are coming up on the 1st May.

You will notice that there are no District or County Councillor columns in this issue. As a politically neutral publication we have a policy of not printing columns which could be delivered in the pre-election period - typically 6 weeks before the election date - so as not to give any candidate, or political party, an advantage.

Andy Pellew | Editor - Bar Hill News

PS. If you need to register to vote you can on the Government's website;

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

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Our speaker on the 3rd April is Honey Hawk and his subject is "The Forgotten Bees".

Our fee is £15 per year and £1 each meeting for a hot drink and raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171 (07847 327709)** Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**



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Bar Hill Church news

Services

Sun 30 March, 10:00am — **All Together Worship**

(note British Summer time begins so clocks will have gone forward)

Sun 6 April, 10:00am — **Holy Communion**

Separate activities for children, returning to the service before Communion.

Sun 6 April, 6:00pm — **Informal Worship**

Refreshments served from 6:00pm; the service starts at about 6:30pm.

Wed 9 April, 10:00am — **Mid-week Communion**

Sun 13 April, 10:00am — **Palm Sunday** (an all age service)

Thu 17 April, 7:30pm — **Maundy Thursday**

Fri 18 April, 10:00am — **Good Friday**

Sun 20 April, 10:00am — **Easter Sunday**

This will be an all age service that includes Holy Communion and a baptism. Due the expected larger congregation there will be a video link to the Octagon where more seating will be available.

Note there is also a **6:30am service at Lolworth Church** and, as has become tradition, a group from Bar Hill will meet outside the Bar Hill Church at about 6:00am and walk to Lolworth together for the early morning service.

Sun 27 April, 10:00am — **Café Church**

Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Working hours usually include Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. A number of external activities take place in the church buildings throughout the week. Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.

Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, 07780 828865, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk

Working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.





OVER DAY CENTRE

**Sunday
11th May 2025**



The Five Pub Challenge

Back by popular request, the 5-pub Challenge walk. See old friends, make new ones; perhaps walk as a group. All proceeds to go to the Over Day Centre, this year to help raise funds for client activities and capital items.

Meet at Over Day Centre, Drings Close, CB245NZ from 10.00am, for a 12.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to the Pike & Eel, the Ferry Boat, the Three Tuns, the White Horse and back to the Over Community Centre.

Minimum donation of £15 per adult, children free. Under 18s are very welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

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or call the Day Centre
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Bar Hill Memorial Garden

Spring is here now. We have had both abnormally warm weather as well as below normal temperatures for this time of year. Many of the bulbs are pulling through. The days are getting longer although not all frosts have passed.

At long last everyone can see what wonderful work and changes to the Memorial Garden have taken place. Our grateful thanks to John Hinchliffe who has installed the plaques. My grateful thanks go to the whole team who help maintain and have worked so hard in the garden. We are aware that some wheelchairs and wheeled walking aids find access difficult. Like before it takes time for the stones to settle, please keep to the edge. If you are having problems please talk to Chris below.

The refurbishment costs of £5000.00p plus have been met by donations / grants from individuals, The Parish Council , The Community Association, South Cambridgeshire Community Chest, The Co-Op. for which we are extremely grateful.

If you would like to donate towards the upkeep of the Memorial Garden, cheques / cash may be left at 7 Acorn Avenue made payable to Bar Hill Memorial Garden or alternatively paid directly into Bar Hill Memorial Account at the Cambridge Building Society Account Number 1768402740 Sort Code 20-17-55 If you wish to talk to someone re a donation then please phone Chris on the numbers below. Thank you once again to all those who have given financial support for this work.

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7th - 19th Great Eggscape Hunt

Come into the library to find out more and take part in this fun children's activity. Ask a staff member for a passport and pencils, then travel around the world (library) looking for your next destination. Get your passport stamped on completion.

9th Move & Dance 2.30-3pm

Join us for this action songs and movement session, aimed at age 4+ . We will be singing, dancing, wiggling and generally enjoying ourselves!

11th - 15th Paper Flower Craft

Use our resources and instructions to make beautiful paper flowers. Add them to our shared display or take them home to keep.

26th Digital Art & Craft (all levels)

10.30-11.30am

In this session, we will be using some simple apps to create pictures. This is suitable for absolute beginners but the apps can be used at multiple levels, with parent supervision for children please.

Library at Home Service

Did you know that Cambridgeshire Libraries offer a free Library at Home service to readers of any age who find it difficult to get to the library due to disability, illness or caring responsibilities?



A local volunteer can visit monthly at a mutually convenient time, bringing library books and audiobooks chosen according to each reader's preference, and have a friendly chat if you'd like. For more information about becoming a Library at Home customer, or volunteer, please either;

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Practice Nurse

We have managed to finally recruit a Practice Nurse to work at Maple Surgery. She will be starting in the middle of April. This is exciting news for us, and I am sure that you will all join us in welcoming her to the Practice when she arrives.

Practice closures for Staff training

The practice will be closed from 1.00pm for training on the following dates:-

Wednesday 9th April 2025

Thursday 15th May 2025

Covid Clinics

The Practice has recently signed up to provide the Spring Covid Booster vaccines. These will be available from the middle of April. Any patient who is eligible will be contacted to see if they want to be vaccinated. The criteria for eligibility have been amended slightly compared to the Autumn booster, so patients who were vaccinated with the Autumn booster may not be eligible for the Spring Booster. Please see web address below that will provide details for eligibility.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/>

Hedgehog Fact:

Hedgehogs can run up to 5 miles per hour (9.5 kilometers per hour) for short bursts. This is quite fast for their size!

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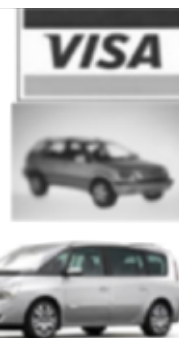
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Bar Hill Cricket Club

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We are once again running a Saturday team in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League and a midweek team in the Cambs Business Houses League.

This year, our Saturday team will play in Division 4W and will be up against Cambridge St Giles IV, Cambridge Tamil Sangham II, Cherry Hinton II, Comberton, Elsworth, Fulbourn Institute II, Longstowe and Milton III.

Our first game of the season will be at home to Elsworth on Saturday May 3 – more about our fixtures in the next Bar Hill News.

Midweek matches start at 6pm and are 15 eight-ball overs. Our campaign starts on Wednesday May 28 with a trip to Phoenix. We will also play against Cokenach, Queens Head, Fen Ditton, Qualcomm, Stapleford II, ELA, BAS, RSC and NCI.

It promises to be a busy season, and hopefully with better weather than last summer, you will see more of us in action on the village green.

Off the pitch, we're hoping to set up a quiz night during the season, details to follow.

We're always looking for new players and potential support off the pitch. You can get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter

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We meet every Thursday afternoon from 1.15 in The Octagon opposite The Doctors Surgery. The Octagon is the smaller building next to Bar Hill Church.

As part of our afternoon activities we encourage everyone who wishes to do, to take part in a few fun and vital short keep fit exercises to boost their physical and mental health.

Our main feature is the creation of many wonderful knitted items which are given to local charities who need our help. This can be baby clothes, warm adult knitted items and Lap blankets in the winter for local people. We have established contacts with local charities who are delighted to receive our "knitted treasures"

Possibly one of the most important features of the group is that all are welcome and are encouraged and enabled to meet new friends while sharing a pleasurable mutual interest. This might be a good starter if you are new to the village to find new friends and re-start a previous hobby

Then, of course, there is Tea time accompanied of course with a welcome selection of cakes.

As well as our weekly meetings, we hold other events in the year. We enjoy outings to the seaside and occasionally, a winter shopping trip. We also have a couple of Craft Days to explore more creative activities. Also a Garden Party in the summer.

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Crafts Shed members continue to meet in the Octagon Meetings Room, on Thursday Mornings from 0930 to 1230. Whilst extremely grateful to the Leadership of Bar Hill Church for letting us do this we still require new accommodation.

Over the last two and quarter years of trying, we have been unable to secure new accommodation. At the December Meeting of the Trustees the very difficult decision was taken to take the appropriate steps to relinquish our Charitable Status. This was ratified by the Membership at an Extraordinary Meeting. We will also relinquish being members of the UK Mens Shed Association. There are very strict procedures to be followed over the next few months.

The new group will be called BHOB Short for Bar Hill Old Boys.

All future communications will be under BHOB

We continue to meet for coffee / tea but will continue to also arrange trips out to places of interest. In the past as Crafts Shed we have visited a few Museums . If you are over 18 and would like to come and join us, please contact Chris or Nick below. We look forward to welcoming new members.

May we take this opportunity to thank the Community for their Support over the last four and a half years.

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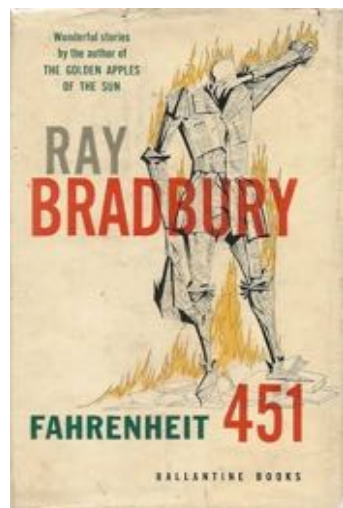
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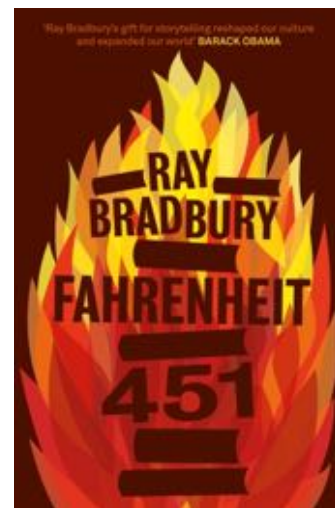
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Bar Hill Ladies Book Club

Bar Hill Book Club will meet again on Tuesday 15th April in the Sports and Social Club at 7:30 pm. The book is: "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. For details of future events please email sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk or call/text 07920 558319



March was a month full of celebrations as there were many interesting and fun days to celebrate.

On the first week of March children enjoyed making and eating their pancakes for their snack on pancake day.

On the first Thursday of March, we celebrated World book day. As it's the celebration of books and reading, we have been encouraging children to embrace reading through fun activities like dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing their favourite stories with us. World Book Day was created by UNESCO in 1995 and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

Later on during the month the British Science Week took place between 7th-16th March. On that week, our focus was on science experiments around colours and materials that do not mix. The children were experimenting for instance with cinnamon powder, coffee, water etc and they had lots of fun during these activities, being young scientists.

Science week was followed by the Festival Holi (Hindu festival of colour) that is a vibrant Hindu festival marks the end of winter and the arrival of spring.

We have also celebrated St Patrick's Day by making rainbows and counting with our

numbered shamrocks. We listened and danced to some Irish music.

On the 21st March Red Nose day arrived with a focus on the character Bluey. The children had fun wearing red noses, dressing in the colour blue and participated in activities around the colour blue.

During the last week of the month children have been making Mother's Day cards and gifts as they were getting ready for Mother's Day, the last Sunday of the month.

Fundraising events coming soon

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On Wednesday 2nd April we will host a cookie and muffins cake stall at the fire door entrance (village green side) of the Preschool. Do come along (cash only please).

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Throughout the season, there are rollups on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:30pm and by arrangement on Saturday afternoons from 2pm to 4:30pm. These sessions provide newcomers with an ideal opportunity to learn bowling skills and sample the social side of the sport. Spare bowls, in a variety of weights and sizes, are always available for practice. All we ask is that you wear shoes with a smooth sole so as not to damage the green. First year membership for Newcomers is only £10 (adults) and £5 (juniors 18 or under), such a small price to pay to be part of one of the friendliest Bowls Clubs in Cambridgeshire.

The Club plays in four different leagues. The Ely and District, afternoon league (3 rinks of triples), playing on Mondays and Fridays. The Cambridge and District evening league (4 rinks of triples). The Meldreth & District evening league (4 rinks of triples) and finally, the Cambridge Business Houses evening league (2 rinks of pairs) with teams in the Men's and Open

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If you want to know more, please visit our website www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk or find us on Facebook by searching for "Longstanton at Northstowe Bowls Club". If you have any other questions please email: david@longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk



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- Plant for early blooms: April is a good time to sow seeds of spring-flowering plants that will attract pollinators.
- Consider these plants: Pansies, primroses, sweet alyssum, violas, and lobelia are good choices for bedding plants. Create a bee hotel: Build or purchase a bee hotel to provide shelter for solitary bees.
- Leave some areas unkempt: Allow some areas to grow wild to provide habitat for insects and other wildlife.
- Provide water sources: A shallow dish of water or a birdbath can be a life-saver for wildlife, especially in dry periods.
- For Birds: Provide food and water: Continue to provide food and water for birds, especially as they prepare for nesting.
- Clean bird feeders and baths: Regularly clean feeders and baths to prevent the spread of diseases.
- Plant native trees and shrubs: These provide food and shelter for birds.

For the Garden:

- Plant out perennials: Plant out perennials that will provide blooms throughout the summer.
- Consider vertical planting: Fix wires and trellis on any appropriate vertical surface to support wildlife-friendly climbing plants, such as honeysuckle, jasmine and wisteria.



Helping Hedgehogs in April

In April, as hedgehogs emerge from hibernation and start building fat reserves, you can help them by providing food, water, and safe nesting sites like hedgehog houses or natural materials.

You can help by:

- Providing food & water. Hedgehogs are hungry after hibernation, so provide them with food like meaty cat or dog food or commercially sold hedgehog food only. Never leave milk as hedgehogs are lactose intolerant!
- Create Safe Nesting Sites: Put out a hedgehog house, as female hedgehogs start cleaning out nest sites in April. For nesting materials you can provide natural materials like log piles or leaf piles. Hedgehogs may also use piles of brushwood, inside compost heaps, or under sheds.
- If you have a compost heap or shed, check for nesting hedgehogs before disturbing them. Check before clearing brush, especially trimming hedges or using mowers!



If you are in need of help or advice on hedgehogs please can you contact: Liz Dams - **07912 988898** / Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital - **07947 361187**

Help! We're Missing Something

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for our May issue is **Thursday 10th April.**





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Winter Tree Maintenance Works

You may have seen our contractors working on the many trees and green areas around the village. This maintenance work is carried out at times to avoid disturbing nesting birds and wildlife in the spring and summer.

Unfortunately, every year some of these trees have to be cut back hard or felled to maintain the health of the trees, and for safety and insurance reasons.

There has been a number of Ash Trees removed around the Village due to Ash Die Back this kills the trees and causes them to become hazardous.

Ash Dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) is a fungus which originated in Asia. It doesn't cause much damage on its native hosts of the Manchurian ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*) and the Chinese ash (*Fraxinus chinensis*) in its native range. However, its introduction to Europe about 30 years ago has devastated the European ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) because our native ash species did not evolve with the fungus and this means it has no natural defence against it.

Grass Cutting

Grass Cutting resumed mid- March, please be mindful when parking so as not to block access for the grass cutters.

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Clothes around the Village

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Dog Fouling

Please make sure you clean up after your dogs and have poo bags with you when out walking with your dogs.

New Website

After a few delays, the new website is now up and running.

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BAR HILL TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLUB

We had an enjoyable and well-attended AGM on Tuesday 4 March in the Social Club at which the new name for our Club (now including 'Pickleball') was confirmed and a new committee was elected. Contact details for the Club's officers are listed below.

We're grateful to outgoing chair Geoff Tamulonis for his many years of service, and also (as ever) to Malcolm Cox for acting as independent examiner of our accounts.

TRY PICKLEBALL

We've been delighted by the number of people who've shown interest in learning to play pickleball. Some brave souls have been playing on the outside courts on Friday mornings through the winter. (We also played in the school on Tuesday evenings).

Don't know what pickleball is? Check out <https://www.pickleballengland.org/what-is-pickleball/> or just search for 'pickleball' on the web. It's an inclusive, social sport, suitable for all kinds of experience / abilities and easy to pick up. We try to match people up with others of a similar ability, including absolute beginners. Keep active, and make new friends!

Want to have a go? We're holding a pickleball OPEN DAY at the tennis courts from 9.30-12.00 on Saturday 12 April. Just come down any time in the morning. We'll supply the bats and balls! Juniors are welcome if they are accompanied by an

adult (who doesn't have to play, but then again, why not have a go too?).

CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm. The first club night will be Tuesday 8 April.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 6.00pm and Friday mornings at 10.00am. The first Monday club night will be Monday 31 March.

RESURFACING PROJECT

We've been gathering some quotations to resurface the courts and include both tennis and pickleball lines. The next step is to approach possible funders.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership runs from April to March, so membership fees are now due and the court access code will be changed from 1.4.25. Membership covers both tennis and pickleball and you can be part of the WhatsApp groups for either or both sports which give info about what's happening. You can apply online at www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.

CONTACT

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We regularly go on walks, outings and attend local groups to help the children socialise. We find having a wide range of ages benefits all the children in our care, it helps the younger children's confidence and encourages the older children to be patient and understanding with the younger children, helping them learn and progress.

We accept all Government funding for eligible parents and the Government Tax Free Childcare payments.

As we are busy during the day with the children, please text us your enquiry with details of your requirements and we will contact you as soon as possible with our up to date availability and hourly rates.

Jacky – **07718447998** – ages 6 months upwards. Term time only and all year round care offered.

Kirsten - **07906218070** – ages 6 months upwards. Term time only and all year round care offered. No spaces available.



We have recently welcomed some new children to our settings and they have settled in beautifully.

We are continuing to support independence in the children moving up to school in

September. Over the last few weeks we have helped the children learn to play chess, dominoes and noughts and crosses, practised skills such as cutting and word searches. We have made dens, celebrated pancake day and made our own daffodil pictures by studying



real flowers. We have had some sunny walks looking for signs of spring and visited The Works to spend our book tokens on World Book Day. We all chose a book and shared our favourite books with our friends. We have visited the cinema, McDonalds, Johnsons of Oldhurst, Anglesey Abbey and Cambridge Science Centre. We will be creating special gifts for Mother's Day, enjoying Easter crafts and looking forward to sunny, warm Spring fun.

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NEW SATURDAY LUNCH CLUB

Welcoming all residents of Over & surrounding villages to join us for lunch at the Day Centre, fourth Saturday of each month, service starting at 12:30 following the Memory Café, our next lunch on Saturday, April 26



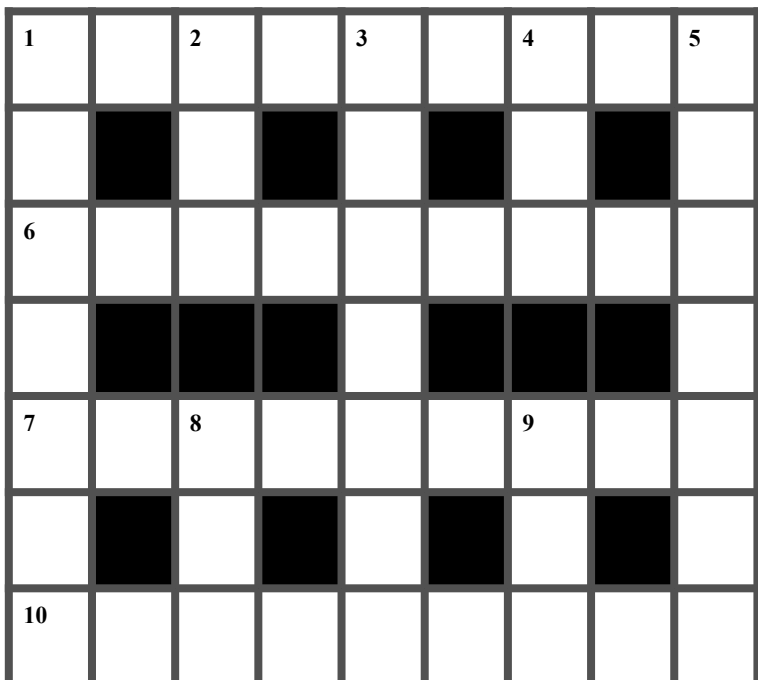
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The Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over, Cambridgeshire CB24 5NZ, Charity No 1196202



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Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Spring is now officially here, and the clocks have gone forward; it becomes dark later in the evenings, and it heralds new beginnings for many, and not just in the garden. Most of us look forward to spring, but for others, it can be overshadowed by thoughts of loneliness or loss, which can be difficult to cope with. This is where the Olive Tree group can help.

Our meetings are held at 10.30 am on the second Saturday of the month, in the Octagon, and the next one will be on Saturday 12th April. We would love to see you whether you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

We are a very welcoming group where you can talk freely and where confidences are always respected. There will be time to share your experiences, join in discussions and get to know others in the group.

If you are not sure whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to discuss it. We welcome all newcomers but would ask that you come at 10am so that we can explain the format.

The leaders, who are CRUSE trained, and the other members of the group will offer a warm welcome, and you will meet other people who have been through loss and who understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

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With your help we are raising money to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters, join our committee, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares. If you would like to donate some of your spare time check out our website's volunteering page for some ideas.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all the very best for the remainder of 2025.

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A Busy Month at Vets for Pets Bar Hill: Celebrating Success and Advancing Veterinary Care

The past month has been an exciting and rewarding time at Vets for Pets Bar Hill. We've been busier than ever, not just caring for our beloved patients but also engaging with the community and advancing veterinary skills.

We kicked off with successful practice open days, where we welcomed pet owners into our clinic, offering an inside look at what we do. A highlight was the pet portrait sessions—keep an eye out for our new portrait wall in the waiting room area!

Our collaboration with the Pets at Home Team to run children's animal workshops was another proud moment. Teaching the next generation about responsible pet care and welfare is something we are passionate about, and it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm from young animal lovers.

In addition to community events, we also focused on professional development. Hayley Baker led two laparoscopy training days for other Vets for Pets practices, showcasing our referral-level minimally invasive surgical kit. These sessions helped fellow vets enhance their skills in keyhole surgery, which benefits pets with faster recovery times and less post-operative discomfort.

Finally, we had our RCVS Practice Standards Scheme (PSS) inspection, and we eagerly await the results. Choosing a PSS-accredited vet means selecting a practice that meets the highest standards of patient care, hygiene, and clinical excellence. It's a mark of trust, ensuring pets receive the best

possible treatment.

It's been a fantastic month, and we look forward to more exciting opportunities ahead!

Springtime Pet Care: Keeping Your Dog and Cat Safe

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, spring in the UK brings new opportunities for pet owners to enjoy the outdoors. However, we see certain seasonal risks that dog and cat owners should be aware of.

Firstly, spring plants and flowers, while beautiful, can be toxic to pets. Daffodils, tulips, and lilies are particularly dangerous, with lilies being especially harmful to cats, potentially causing kidney failure. Ensure your garden and home remain pet-friendly.

Warmer weather also means an increase in fleas and ticks. These parasites can cause irritation, allergic reactions, and even transmit diseases. Regular flea and tick prevention is crucial, so consult your vet about the best treatment options.

Spring is also peak shedding season for many pets, so regular grooming can help reduce hairballs in cats and keep your dog's coat healthy. If your pet suffers from seasonal allergies, you may notice excessive scratching, watery eyes, or sneezing. Speak to your vet if symptoms arise.

With longer daylight hours, more pets spend time outdoors. Be mindful of potential hazards such as slug pellets, antifreeze spills, and pesticides, all of which can be toxic if ingested.

Finally, be sure your pet's vaccinations and microchip details are up to date, especially if you'll be enjoying more outdoor adventures. A little extra care can go a long way in keeping your pets safe and happy this spring!

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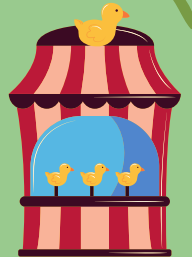
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